

Chairman Edolphus "Ed" Towns (D-NY) convened a [hearing](#) of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on Thursday September 30, 2010, to gather additional information from Johnson & Johnson and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding the recall of Children's Tylenol and other popular pediatric medications, and the "phantom recall" of Motrin. The Committee heard testimony from J&J CEO William Weldon, J&J Consumer Chief Colleen Goggins and FDA Deputy Commissioner Josh Sharfstein. The hearing highlighted the need to provide the FDA with mandatory recall authority -- as would be granted in Chairman Towns' legislation

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[From Parija Kavilanz at CNNMoney.com](#) (September 30, 2010):

"Johnson & Johnson CEO William Weldon delivered both a mea culpa and clear admission to lawmakers Thursday that his company let the public down through numerous recent drug recalls.

"We made a mistake. We did not notify the FDA that we would be purchasing the Motrin products. We should have notified the FDA,' Weldon said in remarks Thursday to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

"Sharfstein said Johnson & Johnson activities exemplify the need for the FDA to be given authority to mandate recalls.

"Two bills introduced this year, one by committee Chairman Edolphus Towns (D-NY), would impose stricter regulations on the industry and give the FDA authority to mandate recalls.

"In his closing remarks, Towns said Thursday's testimony indicates some very serious problems in 'both with the way Johnson & Johnson viewed its responsibility to the public and its day-to-day relationship with the FDA.'"

To read the witness testimony and to view a webcast of the hearing, please click [here](#) .